



# LETTERS of PUBLICATION

In favours of

# THOMAS WEIR

Chirurgeon in Edinburgh.



**JAMES** by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To Our Lovits, Macers of Our Privy Council, or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, and to all and sundry Our Lieges and Subjects, whom it concerns, Greeting: Forasmuch, as We having, by Our Royal Gift, Given and Granted to *Thomas Weir* Chirurgeon in *Edinburgh*, the sole and only Priviledge after-mentioned, and contained in the said Gift and Signature, and past under the Great Seal of this Our Ancient Kingdom; Of which Gift and Signature, the Tenor follows, *Sic superscribitur*. **JAMES R.** Our Sovereign Lord, considering, that the Medicinal Pill, invented by the deceased Doctor *Patrick Anderson*, Physician to His Majesties dearest Father, King *Charles the First*, of ever blessed Memory, hath by Experience been found to be a most useful and safe Medicine, which hath recommended that Pill not only to His Majesties Subjects in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, but likewise, it hath been used in the Kingdoms of *England*, *Ireland*, and other places in *Europe*; and that it is very much the interest of His Majesties Subjects and others, that the Skill and Art of Preparing and Compounding that Pill be preserved intire, and that Counterfeit, Soffiscat, and Adulterat Pills be not imposed upon Persons, under the notion of this Pill, which is so universally known and used; And His Majesty considering, that the Secret and Skill in preparing this Pill, was only communicated by Doctor *Anderson* to his two Daughters, with power only to the Survivor of them to communicate and transmit that secret to some fit and qualified Person; and that the deceased *Katharine Anderson*, the said Doctors surviving Daughter hath communicated to *Thomas Weir*, Chirurgeon in *Edinburgh*, the whole Secret and Skill, in Preparing and Compounding the aforesaid Pill, and hath sufficiently instructed and seen him Prepare, and Compound, and make up that Pill, as well as ever it was by Doctor *Anderson*, or his Daughters aforesaid; And that the said deceased *Katharine Anderson*, hath by her Assignment, dated the Fifteen day of *December*, last by-past Assigned and Disposed to the said *Thomas Weir* her Stamp, for the Directions, and Seal for the Boxes, with all other Vessels, Materials, and Instruments, for Compounding, Preparing, and Making up the said Pills; and that the said deceased *Katharine Anderson* doth thereby declare, that she hath communicated and transmitted that secret of Preparing and Compounding the said Pill to the said *Thomas Weir*, and no other person: And considering that there is none else to whom that secret is communicated, or the Art of Preparing and Compounding the said Pill is committed: and that notwithstanding thereof, there are several persons, who have already, and are of intention to feign and counterfeit the said Pill, and to disperse the same with Printed Papers, and otherways, under the name of the said Pill, commonly called Doctor *Andersons* Pills; Albeit the secret of Preparing and Compounding thereof was never communicated to them, or to any other person now on life, except the said *Thomas Weir*, which (if not prevented) might prove very dangerous and prejudicial to His Majesties Lieges and others, through making use of any counterfeit Soffiscat and Adulterat Pills, and would much discourage the said *Thomas Weir*, who hath only the secret of Preparing and Compounding thereof to him communicated by the said *Katharine Anderson*, who Assigned and Disposed to him the said Stamp and Seal, with all other Vessels and Instruments for Compounding and Dispensing of the said Pill in manner aforesaid: Therefore His Majesty Ordains a Letter of Gift to be past and exped under His Majesties Great Seal of His Ancient Kingdom of *Scotland*, Giving, Granting and Disposing, as His Majesty for Himself and His Royal Successors, Gives, Grants, and Disposes to, and in favours of the said *Thomas Weir*, the sole Power, Right and Priviledge to Prepare, Compose, Dispense and Vend the aforesaid Pill, called Doctor *Andersons* Pill, with power to him to use the said Stamp and Seal formerly used by the said *Katharine Anderson*, for Attesting and Marking the Printed Papers and Boxes belonging to the said Pills, for all the days and years of the said *Thomas Weir* his Life-time; And His Majesty doth hereby Discharge all other Person or Persons whatsoever, during the said space, directly or indirectly, to Prepare, Compound, Make up, Dispense, or Vend any Pill or Pills under the name of the said Pill, invented by the said deceased Doctor *Anderson*, or Papers relating thereto, without the special Licence of the said *Thomas Weir*, under the penalty of One Thousand Merks Scots for each Contravention. And His Majesty doth hereby Recommend to His Privy Council, and other Judicatories of the said Kingdom of *Scotland*, to see His pleasure concerning the Premises rendered effectual, and the Contraveeners fyned or punished, to the terror of others; Providing always that the said *Thomas Weir* shall be bound and obliged, not only to continue the faithful and true preparing, composing, making up, and dispensing of the said Pills, as was formerly done by the said deceased Doctor *Anderson* and his Daughters, but likewise to communicate the secret thereof, and instruct any qualified person he shall think fit, to prepare, compose, and make up the said Pill, (that the Invention be not lost,) who shall have no benefite, priviledge, or liberty to compose or vend the aforesaid Pill, during the full time and space above-written: And His Majesty Ordains the said Gift to be further extended, with all Clauses needful, and to pass the Great Seal *per saltum*, without passing any other Seals or Registers, in order whereunto, these presents shall be to the Director of His Majesties Chancellory for writing out the same, and to the Lord High-Chancellor for causing the Great Seal to be appended thereto, a sufficient Warrant. Given at the Court at *Whitehall*, the nineteenth day of *May*, one thousand six hundred and eighty seven, and of His Majesties Reign the third Year. By His Majesties Command. *sic superscribitur*, **MELFORT.** And whereas there having been an Address made to Our Privy Council by the said *Thomas Weir*, humbly intreating, that Our Letters of Publication of Our aforesaid Gift and Signature, now past under Our Great Seal, might be direct in manner, and to the effect under-written. The Lords of Our privy Council, in consideration of the said Address, by their Act of the date of these presents, have ordained these Our Letters to be direct accordingly, as the said Act in it self more fully purports. Our Will is herefore, and We Charge you strictly, and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-crois of *Edinburgh*, and whole remanent Mercat-crosses of the Head burghs of the Shires of this Kingdom, and other places needful, and there in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make publication of Our Gift and Signature above-written past under Our Great Seal as said is, in favours of the said *Thomas Weir*, that all Our Leidges may have notice thereof, and give obedience thereto, under the Pains and Certifications therein-mentioned, and being further answerable, as Our privy Council shall think fit, in case they contraveen: According to Justice, as ye will answer to Us thereupon. The which to do, We commit to you conjunctly and severally Our full Power by these Our Letters, delivering them by you duely execute and indorled again to the Bearer.

Given under Our Signet at *Edinburgh* the second day of *August* 1687, And of Our Reign the third Year.

GOD SAVE THE KING.



Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilij.  
**WILL. PATERSON**, Cls. Str. Concilij.

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These are to give Advertisement to any person or persons whatsoever, That the Pill called Doctor *Andersons* Pill, with the printed Papers for instructing the use thereof, with his Tallied Picture at the head thereof, and the Boxes being all sealed with his own Seal, which bears his own Name, Face and Arms, with *Katharine Andersons* Name that last composed and sold the same, are composed, and now to be sold only by *Thomas Weir* Chirurgeon, at his dwelling-House in *Edinburgh*, on the South side of the High Street of the same, in the Stone Land, and Third Door of the Fore-Shop, like the one at the Upper Well or Conduit, commonly called the Cattle Well, which is below the Weigh-House of *Edinburgh*.



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